

STATE NEWS.

The masons of Hamilton, are re-fitting their hall.

Over 500 pupils attend the public school in Springfield.

The town of Perryville has purchased a fire engine.

Hannibal polled 1,690 votes at the recent city election.

The New Madrid Record boasts of its Bog iron ore beds.

Lewis county farmers put in the rainy days skinning cattle.

Carthage will hold a horse fair on the 12th and 13th of June.

Deaths in St. Louis last week, 89; children under five years of age, 41.

A lodge of the Sovereigns of Industry has been organized in Platte City.

Breckenridge has a public park studded with beautiful young maple trees.

Corn is \$1.15 per bushel in the Springfield market, with an upward tendency.

An adjourned session of the Marion county court will commence on Thursday next.

The prospect for a good crop of wheat is better than it has been for years in Lawrence county.

A man named James Newman committed suicide, about one mile east of Springfield last week.

The General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church meets in Springfield the 22d inst.

A movement is on foot to remove the county site of Christian county, from Ozark to Billings.

Capt. R. C. Henry, of the Atlantic Hotel at Pleasant Hill, was buried at Sedalia on Sunday last.

Daviess county has commenced the cheerful operation of paying interest on her railroad bonds.

The Utica Herald gives encouraging reports of the crop and fruit prospects of Livingston county.

Efforts to burn the Metropolitan hotel, at Springfield, have twice been made says the Southwest of that city.

The Columbia Herald says that the wheat crop of that section promises to be the richest for many years.

A. H. Kettler, land agent of the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad Company is locating a German colony near Ritchey.

The Saline county Progress anticipates that sheep culture will be one of the chief interests of that county ere long.

The editor of the Unionville Republican prefers to be buried where the hogs and cattle can get at him when he dies.

At Hannibal the election turned in favor of temperance by the negro vote, which was cast solid against the saloon men.

Eugene A. Evens has bought out the Stoutland Plug, and will issue a new paper—the Stoutland Times—from that office this week.

The tax levy for State and county purposes in Carroll county is only ninety-five cents on the hundred dollars. The county is free from debt.

Kansas City is shipping ice to St. Louis, and yet citizens of the former place have to pay enormous prices on the plea of the scarcity of the article.

There is a movement among the farmers of Jasper county, to petition the county court to have the offices of circuit clerk and recorder separated.

The Sturgeon Leader says that several wolves have been seen in that vicinity in the last few weeks. Mr. Jesse Vance had some very fine lambs killed lately.

The sales at the monthly sale of stock in Marshall, Saline county, on Monday last, amounted to \$1,000. These sales should be inaugurated in every county in the State.

On Tuesday last a little boy three years of age, son of B. Y. Brooks, of Oranogo, had two fingers cut off from his right hand while playing with an ax.—Carthage Advance.

Mrs. J. L. Rhea, of Kingston, Caldwell county, fell from the top of a keg a few days since and dislocated her knee. The dislocation was speedily reduced, and she is doing well.

A lad named Wise, of Windsor, Henry county, went a fishing but was not wise enough to find the way back home. A two days' fast and a long tramp had about used him up when found.

The Montgomery Standard says that "there never was a finer prospect for a good peach crop in this county than we have this spring. The trees seem to be a solid mass of bloom."

The Richmond Chronicle says that an old negro man by the name of Samuel Allen, living in the vicinity of that city, claims to have killed, a few days since, twenty-one large black snakes, found in an old tree.

The Aulville Times tells of a little joke perpetrated on a negro in Higginsville. Some one saturated the roof of his cabin with kerosene, and then set it on fire. The fire was extinguished and the Times thinks the "jokers" should be sent to Jefferson City.

Henry Howard shot and killed Pink Herald at a horse race Sunday afternoon at Bismark. Howard is five feet six inches high, has sharp features, black eyes, dark hair, and is quick spoken, about twenty years old. One hundred dollars reward is offered for his arrest.

The Canton Press says: We are pained to learn that Chas. Lane, of this county, who has been a resident of Montana for some years past, was recently caught in a snow storm in the mountains with seven others, and all perished. Mr. Lane was, we learn, on his way home when this catastrophe occurred.

The Salisbury Press says that on Saturday of last week, during the storm, a tree on the farm of D. D. Davis, who lives three miles north of the new Chariton bridge, in Bee Branch township, was struck by lightning, considerable damage resulting therefrom. The current of electricity, after striking the tree, which stood near the barn, passed down it, struck the ground and ran into the barn, setting it on fire and killing one milch cow and two work mules. Mr. Davis being near by, arrived in time to extinguish the fire, before it had spread much. His loss will be about \$300.

On Sunday last a serious accident occurred near Lee's Summit, Mo., which will probably result in the death of one of the finest and most respectable young men in that vicinity. It appears, from what can be learned of the affair, that Thomas Dark, a young man of about twenty years of age, was engaged in leading a mule to water, and had stopped just outside the gate, while holding converse with a sister. Not being properly watched, the animal turned, threw up his heels, striking him in the back of his head, and knocking him senseless to the ground. A very ugly wound was inflicted, the hoof of the mule having pierced the skull, from which the brains were rapidly oozing. At last accounts he lay in a very precarious condition, and his recovery was deemed doubtful.

St. Clair county is determined to gain notoriety, if not in one way, surely in another. First came the Younger embroglio, which was not very creditable, but since then the good people have been earnestly delving in their soil to retrieve the opprobrium. Old mother earth herself, as if willing to lend a helping hand, even gives promises of volcanic eruptions, laying in the shade Bald Mountain of North Carolina. But the most important and attractive is reserved for the latest, given from the Osceola Democrat, of the 7th. The extract explains itself:

The mines are located about nine miles east from Osceola, near the road leading from Osceola to Hermitage. From the certificate shown us, we observe that 5-100 ounces of the ton is gold. The present company lack sufficient capital to properly work the mines, and are desirous that some capitalist or capitalists should join them. The company have a twenty years' lease on the mines. The depth of the mine at present is but about forty feet, and experienced miners have informed them that when they reach what is termed the water line, they will succeed in finding the precious ore much more abundant. We also learn that the portion tested was from the side rock, and that another test was made from between the rock, which was richer in both gold and silver. A specimen has also been sent to the Assayer at Philadelphia, from whom a report is expected daily.—Sedalia (Mo.) Democrat, May 9.

Bugs are putting in their appearance, and now the palatable fruit cake will be eaten with carelessness and precision.

Old age is a blessed thing. It gives us leisure to put off our earthly garments one by one and dress ourselves for heaven. "Blessed are they that are homesick, for they shall get home."

The owner of a popular manerie says that lions range in value from \$1,500 to \$4,000; African lions sometimes go higher. They live from eight to twenty years. The next most valuable animal is the Bengal tiger, which lives from fifteen to eighteen years. African elephants range from \$800 to \$4,000, and live to three-score years. Camels and llamas are worth about \$1,200, the quagga \$2,000, and monkeys from \$25 to \$1,000.

News and Notes.

Charles Pope is playing a very successful engagement at the California theater.

Several prisoners attempted to escape from prison at Jeffersonville, Ind., Monday.

An English scholar is getting up an elaborate treatise upon American literature.

Harvey & George's paper mill, at Wellsburg, West Virginia, burned Monday; loss \$50,000, uninsured.

The president has nominated James B. Bidford for associate justice of the Supreme Court of Colorado.

Maryland has a little centennial of her own on hand. It is the anniversary of the Annapolis tea destruction.

Workmen upon the Cleveland, O., sewers struck Monday, got up a row, and were dispersed by the police.

An extensive fire occurred at Titusville, Pa., Sunday. The Episcopal Church and other buildings were burned.

The French National Assembly met at Versailles Tuesday. There was no message from President McMahon.

There are 40,000 commercial travelers in the United States, and it costs over \$87,000,000 a year to keep them moving.

At Wakefield, Rhode Island, the other day, a woman found an oyster, the shell of which is eleven and a half inches long.

A Mr. Warren gave an elegant dinner at Delmonico's recently, a feature being the flowers, which are said to have cost \$5,000.

The Danish convicts who arrived in New York by the steamer Washington will be sent back to Denmark by the same vessel.

Canadians drank over eighteen million gallons of intoxicating liquors last year—over four gallons and a half to each man, woman and child.

There was a large fire Monday night in the bastille quarters, Paris. Several persons were burned to death, and about two hundred made homeless.

According to an official report of the church statistics of Prussia, the Catholics have 12,959 churches, the Catholics 997, and the Jews 1,000 places of worship.

The number of failures in the United States for 1872 was 4,069, total liabilities \$121,056,000; for 1873, 5,182, total liabilities \$228,406,090.

A judge in Adair county, Iowa, recently commenced his charge to the jury as follows: "Gentlemen of the jury, you must now quit eating peanuts."

It was supposed that Gen. W. T. Clark, of Galveston, Texas, was a defaulter to a large amount, but it turns out that the Government owes him a balance of some \$3,000.

Scott county, Minnesota, contains an extensive Limburger cheese factory. The cheese is declared to be "ripe" when a piece the size of a bean will drive a dog out of a tan-yard.

Half a million Circassians have, within the last few years, left Russian soil, and it is stated that a great number are preparing to emigrate into Turkey in the coming spring.

Macaulay had a prodigious memory, and was wont to say he knew Milton's Paradise Lost so well that he could restore the first six or seven books in case they were lost.

Fears are expressed that some of the most extensive champagne houses in France will fail this year, in consequence of the damage inflicted by late storms on New Jersey apple trees.

The New York Times has received a poem on cremation. It commences: "No longer let the insatiate worm his dread prerogative affirm; but let us, like Elijah, rise in fiery chariot to the skies."

A Hartford man, having just married, caught the smallpox, got drunk, had the tremens and endeavored to end his celebration by jumping into the river the other day. Matrimony was too much for him.

A Florida correspondent says that although many persons suffering from consumption in other States have gone there, and been restored to health, there are old-established Florida families fast dying of the same disease.

For eleven months has James McClung, of Staunton, Vt., been dumb, without any explicable cause. Two Sundays ago, however, he entered the sitting-room of his house and saluted his family with a cheerful "good morning," at the same time nearly fainting. He has conversed as well as ever since that. He says that just as he spoke Sunday, he experienced a convulsive movement of the muscles of the throat and a sense of concussion in the head.

The Courier des Etats Unis complains justly at Americans for calling their miserable tinder boxes "French roofs." It is just as fair to mix seltzer water with sulphuric acid, call it champagne, get drunk and abuse France.

A Clergyman in Georgia finished his sermon, made the concluding prayer, gave the blessing, announced a temperance meeting and in conclusion informed his congregation he had a new variety of cotton seed for sale which he would sell at only \$1 a bag.

George Wilson, of Adrian, Mich., has a colt three years old that prefers tobacco to oats, and exhibits great distress if it is not supplied every day with a certain quantity of fine cut or plug.

The town of North Providence, R. I., has only one paper to support. This individual has a farm all to himself, with carriage, horses, and cattle, food provided by contract, and a poor master and family to take care of him.

London is built on pipes. There are the underground telegraph pipes, and 2,500 miles of drain pipes, the lead and iron pneumatic tubes, the sewers, the water pipes, the gas pipes, and the underground railway. An excavation can't be made without the bother of tubular obstruction of some kind.

An Indian who is confined in jail at Walla Walla, Oregon, for murder, has been told by his fellow-prisoners that he will be hanged sure, and that he had better get used to it. He practices every day by letting them hang him as long as he can bear it, but still he says that he would rather be shot.

The Emperor Alexander, of Russia, is a very quiet, unobtrusive man. He dislikes noise or bustle. During the eight days he is to sojourn in England he will spend most of his time at Windsor. He will not devote more than two, or at furthest three days to London, and it is his wish to be "let alone" as much as possible when he is in the metropolis.

A very rich coal merchant in England has written to several of his customers, who purchased coal of him for brewing and other purposes connected with the manufacture of beer, regretting that he is unable to continue serving them, as, "being an abstainer and a good templer, he can not conscientiously supply coal for the manufacture of the articles of such a trade."

Mary Clemmer Ames writes: "Charles Sumner lived and died a moral hero to women. Such men alone appeal to the element of worship which lives ever in the unpurged woman. Few approached sufficiently near to discover any human blemish which might mar the grand proportions of their god. To their eyes he fulfilled in person the ideal of greatness, intellectual and moral."

The Vienna journals announce that, according to an ancient custom still observed at the court of Vienna, the Emperor and Empress of Austria washed the feet of twelve old men and twelve old women on Good Friday, one old woman being 107 years old. The ceremony was performed with great solemnity in the presence of the court dignitaries, and each old person received thirty pieces of silver.

The most diabolical pun ever invented was perpetrated by a very harmless sort of person, the other evening. When Mr. Soberleigh read that a father in the West had chopped his only son in two, he innocently remarked that he didn't they ought to arrest a man for simply "parting his hair in the middle."—Norristown Herald.

A contemporary informs us that you don't need to black your boots in Pittsburgh. You hang them out of the window at night, and they are black enough in the morning. "Perhaps," says a young man who has been in Pittsburgh, "that's the reason why I woke up one morning with a black eye. I always thought it was the fist of a fellow that I called a blasted fool. But you can't always tell what causes such things in foreign cities."

It was, indeed, a melancholy picture that was presented to the view of the passengers of a Mississippi steamer that took a short cut across some Louisiana plantations on the way down to New Orleans. The flood had swept over what a few days before had been a cotton-field, leaving only the tops of trees above water, near which could be seen the chimney of a house rising a foot above the surface. On the top of the smokeless flue was perched a rooster. His wings hung limp, his eyes were closed, and his majesty of demeanor was gone. He has given it up. Whether he was the sole survivor he did not explain. He did not seem to care to be rescued, as he hoisted no signal for relief, and the steamer, with a parting cheer, left him alone in his glory. As the sound reached him he raised his off-wing to his eye, and waved a sad farewell with his disengaged foot.

The average number of miles operated by the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern company was, in 1873, 1,154 miles, earnings per mile, \$16,824; and, in 1872, 1,061 miles, earnings per mile, \$16,682. The whole number of miles of railroad owned and leased by the company is 1,181.

A Bloody Revelation.

For not a few years back, Williamson county, Illinois, has been the scene of many deeds of outrages, violence, and murder, many of them bloody, and nearly all of them dark and mysterious. Men have been waylaid and murdered on the public highways; they have been cruelly assassinated in their own yards and on their own threshold; they have been dragged from their beds at night, hung upon trees, and their lifeless and ghastly forms left suspended in the air, to startle the traveler, and drive terror and apprehension to the hearts of their friends and neighbors. In nearly every case, the perpetrators have managed to conceal themselves from the knowledge of the public; surrounded by a veil of mystery which neither the officers of the law nor the just revenge of the surviving friends of the murdered victims have been able to penetrate, they have managed to elude justice, and escape altogether the penalty their crimes so richly deserve.

The Farmer's Advocate, published in Marion, Williamson county, dated May 4, contains a communication which throws an air of wild romance around the desperadoes who have so long been the terror of Williamson county. The correspondent of the Advocate tells a story, the substance of which is as follows:

Not long since a party of hunters went out at night. In their rambles they met another party, who they were horrified to see, were carrying a dead man. The hunters, who had escaped the observation of the others, concealed themselves until the party with the dead man had passed on, when they followed, keeping at a safe distance behind for perhaps a mile, when the whole party, dead man and all, suddenly disappeared. The pursuers searched but could find no trace nor sign of the party. The next day the hunters returned to the search, and were rewarded by discovering a cave, the opening of which, large enough to admit the body of a man, appeared in a cliff of rocks overhanging a small stream of water. The explorers procured lights and a reinforcement of three or four other residents of the vicinity, and returned to the cave. Just before they reached it two men were observed running away from it in haste. Two of the party entered the cave and found themselves in a large room, carpeted and furnished and showing evident signs of recent occupation. The sides of the room showed openings which they felt assured led to other rooms. The possibility that they might be occupied made the searchers feel uncomfortable, and they quickly vacated the place. The party concluded they had come upon the rendezvous of a band of desperadoes, and on their way home, stopped at the house of an old farmer and told their story. The farmer became excited, left the room and soon returned with four men, masked and armed, who made the party of explorers kneel and take a solemn oath never to reveal what they had that day discovered. The writer of the communication says the families of the men who made the discovery are leaving the country—that others are preparing to follow, and that great excitement exists on the borders of Jackson and Williamson counties in the vicinity of the cave.

A Remarkable Suicide.

A most remarkable and romantic suicide of a member of one of the first families has just occurred here. The prevailing opinion is that the death was accidental, but it is known to the friends of the family to have been a suicide.

Last winter a beautiful and highly accomplished young girl removed to this city from Natchez. Her parents were in moderate circumstances. She entered heartily into the social gayeties of the season, and at the termination thereof found she had won two lovers. One was a young clerk, handsome, gay, and fascinating; the other a merchant of extensive means, but some years older than his rival. Society generally believed that the young man had won the maiden's heart, but her good sense prevailed over her sense of romance, and she accepted the hand of the merchant. A few days ago they were married. Among the guests present at the ceremony was the rejected lover. He was in excellent spirits, and never shone to better advantage. The guests having departed the bride retired, and the groom and a few friends gathered in the supper room to drink a parting toast. Just as the champagne cork popped and flew to the ceiling the young man entered, approached the groom, and without an angry or a warning word felled him to the floor. The friends interfered and prevented an immediate encounter. The groom, much excited, insisted upon a prompt settlement. The house was searched high and low for weapons, and nothing but an old pair of rusty foils found. The buttons were broken from these, the men placed in position, and in a moment more were engaged in mortal combat. The young man was the better swordsman, and by a quick, sudden pass disarmed his opponent, threw him on his back, and was in the act of thrusting his foil through the struggling man's throat, when the door flew open and the bride, clad in her night dress, rushed in, threw herself between the combatants, and begged her husband's life from his rival's hands. The young man, with an oath, threw his foil upon the floor and rushed from the house. The next morning he was found in his room with a bullet through his brain. The facts, through the influence of the parties engaged, suppressed and the shooting pronounced accidental.

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—New Orleans Cor. N. Y. World, May 1.  
"She shall be married at home," said Mrs. Senator Stewart, the mother of Bessie, the pet of Washington society, "and stay there. Every one shall be invited to the ceremony, and there shall be three hours devoted to dancing and merry-making, and all shall be over in good season for rest and quiet." So it was, and the country has one practical illustration of a sensible wedding in high life.